

Sagan Summer Workshop

Mission Group Project: Designing a Mission

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- ✦ **What do I want to do (Science Goals)?**
- ✦ **What Am I Going to do (Instrument + Telescope)?**
- ✦ **Where Am I Going (Orbit)?**
- ✦ **What do I put everything on (Spacecraft)?**
 - Slewing? Pointing? Data? Vibration? Power?
- ✦ **How do I get there (Launch Vehicle)?**
 - Where are you going? How much mass?
- ✦ **How much will it all cost?**
- ✦ **How soon can I have it?**

What Are My Goals

- ✦ **Science matrix ties science goals to mission design requirements**
- ✦ **Objectives are set by NASA Astrophysics roadmap**
- ✦ **Science teams measurement objectives and translate those objectives into measurement requirements, instruments and mission requirements**

| Science Objectives | Measurement Objectives | Measurement Requirements | Instruments | Mission Requirements |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Determine how planets form in dense disks of gas and dust around young stars | | | | |
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| Study the formation and evolution of planetary systems | | | | |
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| Explore the diversity of other worlds | | | | |
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| Search for habitable planets and life | | | | |
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- ✦ **Astronomy missions are usually driven by the instrument and science requirements on the spacecraft**
- ✦ **Instrument design is done separately from the total mission design due to the complexity of the instrument design process**

How Much Is That Telescope?

| | | Mass | Power | Data rate | Technology Development | Cost |
|-------------|--|------|-------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| | | (kg) | (W) | (kbps) | | (\$ FY09) |
| Instruments | Lyot Coronagraph | 150 | 50 | 70 | | \$ 70 M |
| | PIAA Coronagraph | 170 | 65 | 70 | Optics | \$ 90 M |
| | Photometer | 120 | 75 | 300 | | \$ 60 M |
| | Interferometer | 120 | 250 | 5 | | \$ 70 M |
| | 50k x 50k FPA Wide Field Survey Camera | 350 | 200 | 400000 | FPA's | \$ 300 M |
| | 2k x 2k camera | 10 | 10 | 600 | | \$ 20 M |
| | Vis Spectrometer | 40 | 30 | 3000 | | \$ 30 M |
| | IR Spectrometer | 40 | 30 | 3000 | | \$ 20 M |
| | UV Spectrometer | 40 | 30 | 3000 | | \$ 40 M |
| Telescopes | 0.5m Telescope | 30 | 25 | n/a | | \$ 20 M |
| | 1.0m Telescope | 150 | 75 | n/a | | \$ 50 M |
| | 1.5m Telescope | 300 | 225 | n/a | | \$ 150 M |
| | 2.0m Telescope | 700 | 300 | n/a | | \$ 500 M |
| | 4.0m Telescope | 2000 | 400 | n/a | Large optics, I & T | \$ 1500 M |

Telescope Adjustments:

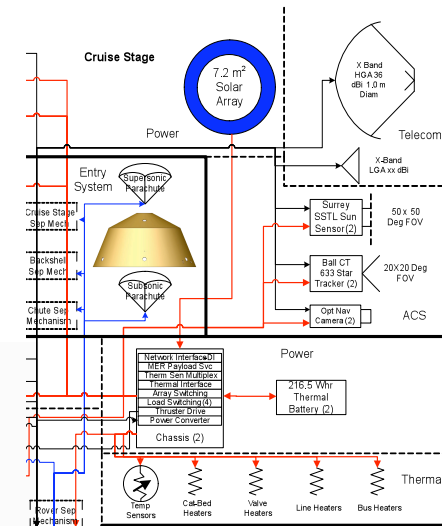
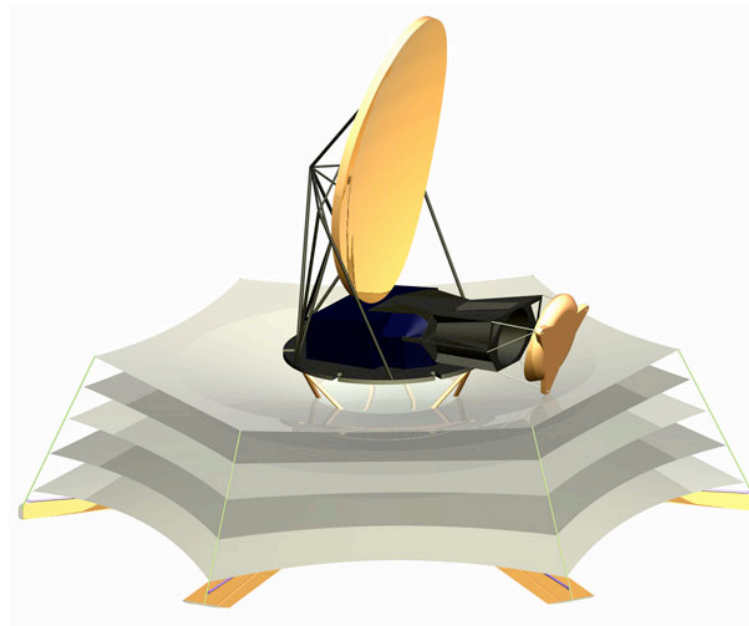
1. Add 50% to cost for off axis
2. Add 30% to cost for UV
3. Subtract 30% from cost for IR only
4. Add 50% for passive cooling (45 K)
5. Add 50% for active (He) cooling (4 K)

Instrument Adjustments

1. Cryocooler or dewar add \$50M

Key Trades

- Information System
- Power
- Propellant/Structure/Mass
- Pointing
- Cost



Pointing Trades

- ✦ **Pointing control** – the ability to point the instrument payload at a specific target within a given accuracy.
- ✦ **Pointing knowledge** – the after-the-fact reconstruction of the true instrument position within a given accuracy.
- ✦ **Pointing stability** – holding a position within a tolerance for a fixed period of time (integration time).
- ✦ **Slew rate** – Slewing can be a significant period of the total mission life. Reaction wheels must be large enough to achieve the required rate.

| | Pointing Control | Stability |
|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| HST | 0.01 asec | 0.007 asec/24 hours |
| Spitzer | 0.5 asec | 0.1 asec/200 sec |
| WISE | 60 asec | 1 asec/9 sec |

✦ Daily data volume

- Instrument data rate x operation/day
- Size of array, number of arrays, integration time, etc.

✦ Assume x2 lossless compression, 4 bytes=32 bits/pixel. Add 10% overhead

✦ Link time is expensive. Ka band is expensive.

✦ Taking data while observing requires (expensive) steerable antenna

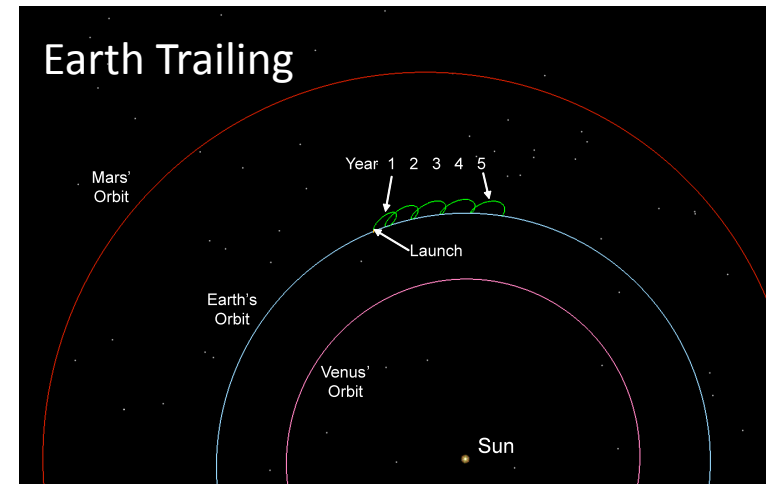
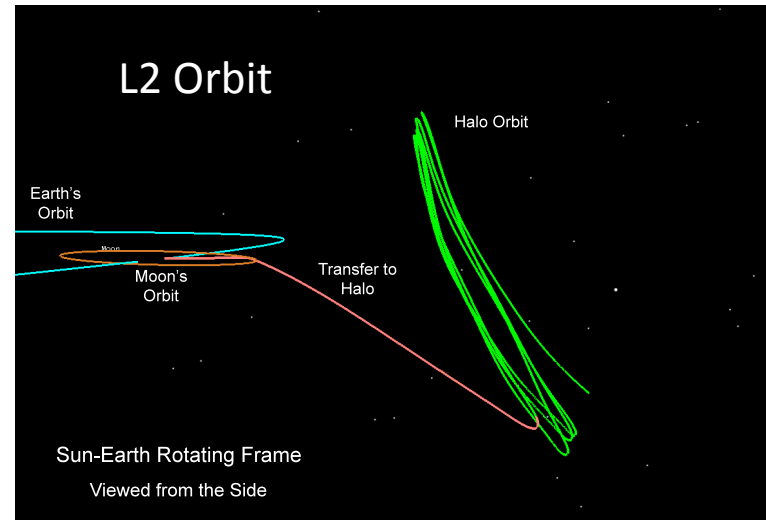
- Spitzer downlinks (once/1 day for 2 hours) and Kepler (once / 2-4 days)

| | Low Earth Orbit | L2 | Earth Trailing |
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| Telecom rate <u>Mbits/sec</u> | 320,000 (X band) | 300 (X) 320,000 (Ka) | 3/yr ² (X) 3200/yr ² (Ka) |
| Connect time | 8min/orbit; 90 minute orbits | 8 hrs/day | 8 hrs/day |

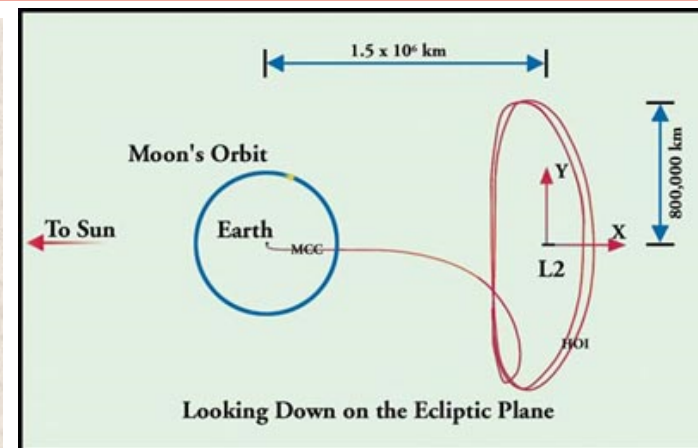
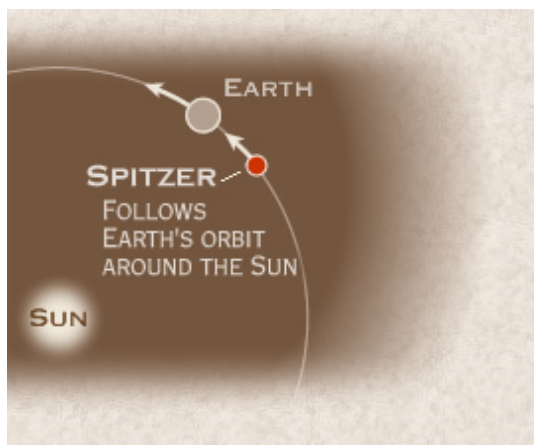
What Is a Spacecraft?

| | | Spacecraft A | Spacecraft B | Spacecraft C | Spacecraft D |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Payload Power | W (EOL) | 50 | 66 | 730 | 650 |
| Payload Mass Limit | kg | 70 | 200 | 380 | 650 |
| Bus Dry mass (w/o Payload) | kg | 60 | 125 | 600 | 350 |
| Science Data Downlink capacity | kbps | 2000 | 2500 | 320000 | 80,000 |
| Science Data Storage capability | Mbit | 3 | 2000 | 134000 | 100,000 |
| Pointing Knowledge | arcsec | 2880 | 3 | 3 | 0.5 |
| Pointing Control | arcsec | 2160 | 32 | 5 | 16 |
| Pointing Stability (Jitter) | arcsec/sec | 36 | 0.1 | 0.05 | 0.1 |
| Slewwrate | deg/min | 60 | 390 | 240 | 120 |
| Mission Design Life | yrs | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Cost | \$ FY09 | \$ 50 M | \$ 75 M | \$ 125 M | \$ 150 M |

- ✦ **Trading telecom needs vs. station keeping requirements vs. launch vehicle costs vs. eclipse and downlink opportunity issues vs. mission duration**
- ✦ **Trades usually require complete design of the spacecraft and mission to evaluate**
- ✦ **All subsystems can be impacted by the decision**
- ✦ **Spacecraft design and launch vehicle selection are similar for L2 and Earth trailing**



Where Is My Spacecraft?



| | Low Earth Orbit (Eq) | Low Earth Orbit (Polar) | L2 | Earth Trailing |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Launch Vehicle | Inexpensive | Modest | Expensive | Expensive |
| Thermal | Complex, hot Earth, eclipses | Stable hot Earth | Stable, cold | Stable, cold |
| View of Sky | Earth and Moon avoidance | Good along terminator or anti-sun | Excellent. Constant geometry | Excellent. Constant geometry |
| Data Rates | Easy, high | Easy, high | Moderate | Expensive with time |
| Propulsion | De-orbit | De-orbit | L2 Entry, station keeping | None |

| | 600 km Polar Orbit | L2 | Earth Trailing | Cost |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|
| L/V A | 800 kg | N/A | N/A | \$57M |
| L/V B | 6,800 kg | 3,495 kg | 3,485 kg | \$136M |
| L/V C | 20,790kg | 9,410 kg | 9,395 kg | \$220M |

How Expensive Will It All Be?

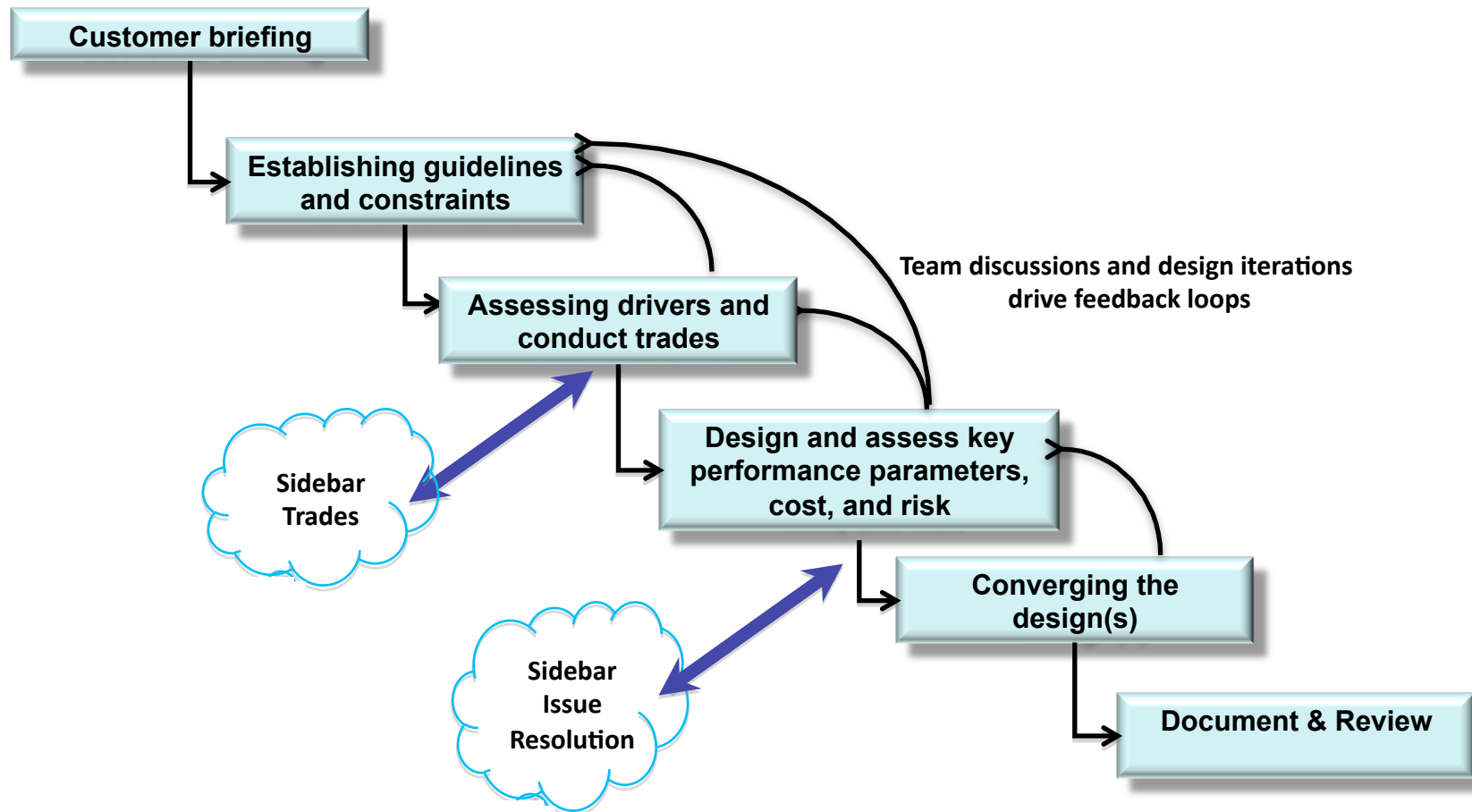
| COST SUMMARY (FY2009 \$M) | |
|--|------------------|
| WBS Elements | Total |
| Project Cost (\$ FY09) | \$514.1 M |
| Development Cost (Phases A - D) | \$396.8 M |
| 01.0 Project Management | \$15.3 M |
| 02.0 Project Systems Engineering | \$15.3 M |
| 03.0 Mission Assurance | \$12.2 M |
| 04.0 Science | \$10.0 M |
| 05.0 Payload System | \$100.0 M |
| Instrument 1 | \$100.0 M |
| Instrument 2 | |
| Instrument 3 | |
| Instrument 4 | |
| Instrument 5 | |
| 06.0 Flight System | \$100.0 M |
| 07.0 Mission Operations Preparation | \$15.0 M |
| 09.0 Ground Data Systems | \$15.0 M |
| 10.0 ATLO | \$14.0 M |
| 11.0 Education and Public Outreach | \$1.5 M |
| 12.0 Mission and Navigation Design | \$7.0 M |
| Development Reserves | \$91.6 M |
| Operations Cost (Phases E - F) | \$17.3 M |
| Operations | \$15.0 M |
| Operations Reserves | \$2.3 M |
| 8.0 Launch Vehicle | \$100.0 M |

5% of development
 5% of development
 4% of development

\$15M
 \$15M
 7% of Payload and Flight System
 0.5% of development
 \$7M
 30%
 \$15M/yr years
 15%

What Are My Opportunities?

| Class | Total Cost Limit | Comments |
|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Small Explorer | \$105M | Highly focused. Single instrument. No technology. No risk. NuStar, Galex. 2-3/decade |
| Medium Explorer | \$300M | Highly focused, Single instrument. No technology. No risk. WISE |
| Discovery Class | \$500M | Kepler. Not available to astronomy |
| ExoPlanet Probe | \$650-800 M | Sophisticated instrument. Broad appeal. GO program. Modest technology? 1-2/decade? |
| Major Observatory | \$1,000-2,000M | Spitzer, Chandra. Sophisticated instrument(s). Broad appeal. Strong GO/GTO. 1/decade |
| Mega Flagship | >\$5,000M | HST, JWST. 1/generation. Numerous complex instruments. Very high technology risk. Should feed many astronomers through GO programs |



- ✦ Design process is non-linear
- ✦ Design issues delegated and resolved simultaneously
- ✦ Sidebar discussions initiated as needed

- 1. Science goals, mission name (bonus for acronym and logo!!)**
- 2. Define telescope and instrument**
- 3. Choose orbit**
- 4. Calculate data volume, rate and downlink**
- 5. Calculate pointing requirements**
- 6. Select spacecraft bus**
- 7. Determine launch mass**
- 8. Select launch vehicle**
- 9. Describe major risks**
- 10. Estimate total mission cost**

1. Science goals

- ✦ Major science goals and relevance to field
- ✦ Mission name (and acronym/logo)

2. Define telescope and instrument

- ✦ **Wavelength**
- ✦ **Size**
- ✦ **Sensitivity**
- ✦ **Resolution (spectral and angular)**
- ✦ **Thermal Requirements**
- ✦ **Duration**

3. Choose orbit

- ✦ **Consider data rate, background noise, launch cost**

4. Calculate data volume and rate

- ✦ Calculate data volume and rate
- ✦ Is this consistent with orbit and downlink capabilities?

5. Calculate pointing requirements

- ✦ Use the least stringent pointing needed to accomplish the science

6. Select spacecraft bus

- ✦ **Depends on size of instrument, telecom capability, pointing capability**

7. Determine launch mass

- ✦ **Telescope**
- ✦ **Bus**
- ✦ **Instrument**
- ✦ **Propellant**
- ✦ **Margin**

8. Select launch vehicle

- ✦ **Mass**
- ✦ **Orbit**
- ✦ **Cost**

9. Describe major risks

- ✦ **Unusual size**
- ✦ **New technologies**
- ✦ **Below guideline margins**

10. Estimate total mission cost

- ✦ **Telescope**
- ✦ **Bus**
- ✦ **Instrument**
- ✦ **Launch vehicle**
- ✦ **Operations**
- ✦ **Reserves**